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SUBJECT: FOREIGN RELATIONS: RALLIS VISIT TO MOSCOW

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1. GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER RALLIS CONCLUDED HIS TALKS
WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO AND THE MOSCOW PORTION
OF HIS VISIT ON SEPTEMBER 7 BY PUBLICLY EXPRESSING SATISFACTION
WITH ITS RESULTS AND APPRECIATION FOR THE WARM WELCOME AND
UNDERSTANDING SHOWN TO HIM BY SOVIET PREMIER KOSYGIN AND FOREIGN
MINISTER GROMYKO, ACCORDING TO THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS
AGENCY.

2. DURING THE SIGNING CEREMONY FOR THE CULTURAL AND CONSULAR
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AGREEMENTS, WHICH MARKED THE CONCLUDING SESSION WITH GROMYKO,
RALLIS STATED: "I BELIEVE THAT THE RESULTS OF MY VISIT TO
MOSCOW ARE SUCCESSFUL AND THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES, IN SPITE OF OUR DIFFERENT SOCIAL AND POLITICAL
SYSTEMS, WILL STEADILY IMPROVE." GROMYKO ALSO CHOSE THE OCCASION
OF THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENTS TO EXPRESS HIS PERSONAL
SATISFACTION AND "THE SATISFACTION OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT OVER

THE SIGNING OF THESE AGREEMENTS AND TO STATE MY BELIEF THAT THESE
AGREEMENTS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF OUR RELATIONS."

3. RALLIS IS NOW IN LENINGRAD FOR A TWO-DAY VISIT AFTER
WHICH HE WILL FLY TO KIEV, RETURNING TO ATHENS THE EVENING
OF SEPTEMBER 10.
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